

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-7 (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A method for receiving publications and forwarding said publications on to parties who have subscribed to receive such publications, said method comprising:

receiving a subscription request of a first type, said request including a filter expression having at least one attribute;

mapping at least part of ~~[[an]]~~ the at least one attribute to a generic format ~~(generic format filter attribute);~~

receiving a publication message of a second type;

comparing the publication message received ~~with~~ to the subscription request to determine whether the publication message is appropriate for forwarding onto ~~[[the]]~~ a subscriber originating the request, the step of comparing comprising:

identifying a generic format filter attribute; and

mapping the generic format filter attribute to a format corresponding to the second message type, the method further comprising:

transmitting said publication message to the originating subscriber.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising:

preparing the publication message for transmission to said originating subscriber.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein the step of preparing the publication message for transmission to said originating subscriber comprises:

creating a substantially empty message of said first type;

extracting information from the publication message of said second type; and

inputting said information into said substantially empty message.

11. (Original) The method of claim 8, 9 or 10, wherein the step of mapping at least part of an attribute to a generic format comprises:

invoking a first component capable of understanding messages of said first type.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, 9 or 10, comprising:

storing said generic format filter attribute.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of any of claims 8, 9 or 10, wherein the step of mapping a generic format filter attribute to a format corresponding to the second message type comprises:

invoking a second component capable of understanding messages of said second type.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of any of claims 8, 9 or 10, wherein said format corresponding to the second message type is held in temporary storage until said comparison is complete.

Claim 15 (Cancelled)